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June 16, 2006

Direct Loan

COD News

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(<http://www.ifap.ed.gov/eannouncements/0615CODTechRef06JuneUpdate.html>).

These updates comprise the second of three update installments related to the Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005 (the HERA), Pub. L. 109-171. For a complete list of updates, refer to the "0607 COD Technical Reference June 2006 Change Tracking Log."

Federal Student Aid expects to post the remaining HERA update installment in late July 2006.

If you have any questions about the technical reference, please contact the COD School Relations Center.

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COD Common Record XML Schema HERA Updates Now Available (06/16/06)

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If you have any questions about the schema, please contact the COD School Relations Center.

COD System Maintenance Planned For Sunday, June 18, 2006 (06/14/06)

The COD System will undergo routine maintenance on Sunday, June 18, 2006 from 12:30 A.M. until 8:30 A.M. (ET). During this period, users will not be able to submit or retrieve data via the COD Web site. Additionally, batches submitted by schools will be held and not processed until after the COD System comes back up. COD apologizes for any inconvenience this outage may cause. If you have any questions, contact the COD School Relations Center.

Extended Direct Loan Electronic MPN Web Site Outage For Sunday, June 18, 2006 (06/14/06)

As a reminder, the Direct Loan Electronic Master Promissory Note (MPN) Web site is unavailable every Sunday morning from 5:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. (ET) while routine



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maintenance is performed. During this period, individuals are not able to complete new MPNs electronically or retrieve existing MPNs that were completed electronically.

Due to the need for additional maintenance on Sunday, June 18, 2006, the Direct Loan Electronic MPN Web site will be unavailable for an extended period of time from 12:30 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. (ET). Individuals attempting to access the Web site after the cutoff time will see a Web site maintenance message and will not be able to start the process or retrieve an existing MPN.

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Direct Loan Bulletin 06-04 Released (06/15/06)

Direct Loan Bulletin 06-04 was released to schools from the COD School Relations Center on June 14, 2006 and is posted on the IFAP Web site (<http://ifap.ed.gov/dlbulletins/DLB0604.html>). This bulletin reminds schools of the 2004-2005 program year closeout deadline.

If you would like to be added to or removed from the Direct Loan Bulletin distribution list, please submit an e-mail to CODSupport@acs-inc.com with the subject line of "DLB Distribution".

HERA Guidance Available On IFAP Web Site (05/08/06)

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Reports and Data Requests



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- Pending Disbursement Lists

For 2006-2007, have all now been sent to schools' SAIG mailboxes. These reports are also available on the COD Web site. COD apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the delay.

[06/13/06 (Updated 06/15/06)]

- Direct Loan Rebuild File—

Schools in need of this file should contact the COD School Relations Center. (10/03/05)



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- Pell Year-to-Date (YTD) Records—

The YTD Record can be used to assist a school with its year-end and ongoing reconciliation processes. Schools also use the YTD Record for the purpose of rebuilding a complete student record or Pell Grant database.

- For rebuilds for the 2005-2006 Award Year, the school can submit the data request via the COD Web site or batch.
- For rebuilds for the 2004-2005 and earlier award years, the school must contact the COD School Relations Center by e-mail to CODSupport@acs-inc.com. The school should include "Pell YTD" in the subject line. If a school is unable to e-mail its request, it can contact the COD School Relations Center by phone. [10/03/05 (Updated 10/27/05)]